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Applicant(s) : Klaus-Dieter NEHREN and Alfred von SCHUCKMANN
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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Hon. Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56 and § 1.97(b), Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the reference listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed.

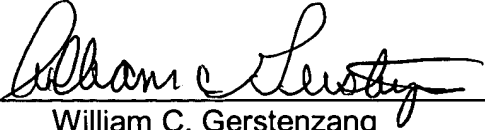
These references are relevant because they are cited in the first German Office Action in the corresponding application. A copy of the German Office Action is also enclosed.

It is believed no fee is due but, if it is, please charge the cost therefor against the account of the undersigned, Account No. 14-1263.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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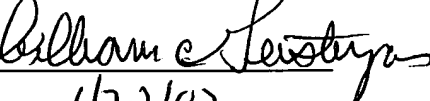
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